

Claims

- [c1] A multipurpose console for use in a vehicle, comprising:
a housing comprising:
at least one laptop anchor point including a top surface adapted to securely receive a laptop computer, the laptop anchor point being moveably attached to the console for movement between an open position, wherein the laptop computer may be secured thereto, and a closed position, wherein the laptop anchor point is retained within the housing;
a latching mechanism, the latching mechanism being fixedly secured to a lower surface of the housing and configured to releasably engage a mounting mechanism of the vehicle so that the multipurpose console may be fastened thereto and removed therefrom; and
a transport device adapted to transport the removable console.
- [c2] The multipurpose console of claim 1 wherein the console further includes a laptop platform adapted to retain the laptop computer and further is adapted to cooperate with the top surface of the at least one laptop anchor point to securely receive the laptop platform.

- [c3] The multipurpose console of claim 1 wherein the at least one laptop anchor point comprises two laptop anchor points with each including top surfaces adapted to securely receive the laptop computer, each one of the two laptop anchor points being moveably attached to opposing sides of the console for movement between the open position, wherein the laptop computer may be secured thereto, and the closed position, wherein each laptop anchor point is retained within the housing.
- [c4] The multipurpose console of claim 3 wherein the console further includes a laptop platform adapted to retain the laptop computer and further is adapted to cooperate with each top surface of the two laptop anchor points to securely receive the laptop platform.
- [c5] The multipurpose console of claim 4 wherein each of the two laptop anchor points includes a body having a cutout area provided within at least a portion of the top surface, and wherein the platform includes spaced apart first and second legs extending in a direction away from the platform, the first and second legs being provided with a male portion extending therefrom with each male portion adapted to be securely received within one of the cutout areas of each of the two laptop anchor points to securely receive the laptop platform.

- [c6] The multipurpose console of claim 5 wherein each of the first and second legs further include a protrusion provided on a distal end of each leg, each protrusion extending inwardly therefrom and spaced apart from the male portion, and further adapted to cooperate with the bottom surface of the body of the laptop anchor point to securely retain, in conjunction with the male portions, the laptop platform to the laptop anchor points.
- [c7] The multipurpose console of claim 1 wherein the at least one laptop anchor point is fixedly secured to the housing in the open position.
- [c8] A multipurpose console for use in a vehicle, comprising:
a housing comprising:
a power contact adapted to cooperate with a power source of the vehicle to provide power to the console;
a latching mechanism, the latching mechanism being fixedly secured to a lower surface of the housing and configured to releasably engage a mounting mechanism of the vehicle so that the multipurpose console may be fastened thereto and removed therefrom; and
a transport device adapted to transport the removable console.
- [c9] The multipurpose console of claim 8 wherein the hous-

ing further includes a sound contact adapted to cooperate with the vehicle to provide sound to a speaker associated with the console.

- [c10] The multipurpose console of claim 9 wherein the latching mechanism includes at least one of the power and sound contacts, the power and sound contacts adapted to cooperate with mating power and sound contacts of the vehicle when the latching mechanism is fastened to the mounting member of the vehicle.
- [c11] The multipurpose console of claim 8 wherein the housing further includes at least one anchor point associated therewith, the transport device being removably secured to the at least one anchor point to transport the removable console.
- [c12] The multipurpose console of claim 11 wherein the housing further includes opposing ends and the at least one anchor point comprises two anchor points, each of the two anchor points associated with one end of the housing, the transport device further including opposing ends, each of the opposing ends of the transport device being removably secured to one of the two anchor points to transport the removable console.
- [c13] The multipurpose console of claim 8 wherein the hous-

ing further includes a rechargeable battery source and an inverter to provide battery power to the console, the power contact further adapted to recharge the battery source.

[c14] The multipurpose console of claim 8 wherein the housing further includes a 110volt power outlet adapted to receive a plug and provide power to an independent electronic device, the power contact further adapted to provide power to the outlet.

[c15] The multipurpose console of claim 8 wherein the housing further includes a first compartment, the first compartment having a thermoelectric device for heating or cooling the first compartment, and wherein the housing further includes an electronic device including at least one of a radio, DVD player, MP3 input, and navigational unit, the power source adapted to provide power to the thermoelectric device and the electronic device.

[c16] A multipurpose console for use in a vehicle, comprising:
a housing comprising:
at least one anchor point;
a latching mechanism, the latching mechanism being fixedly secured to a lower surface of the housing and configured to releasably engage a mounting mechanism of the vehicle so that the multipurpose console may be

fastened thereto and removed therefrom; and
a transport device removably secured to the at least one
anchor point to transport the removable console.

[c17] The multipurpose console of claim 16 wherein the housing further includes opposing ends and the at least one anchor point comprises two anchor points, each of the two anchor points associated with one end of the housing, the transport device further including opposing ends, each of the opposing ends of the transport device being removably secured to one of the two anchor points to transport the removable console.

[c18] The multipurpose console of claim 17 wherein the transport device is a shoulder strap.

[c19] The multipurpose console of claim 16 wherein the housing further includes a first compartment, the first compartment having a thermoelectric device for heating or cooling the first compartment, and wherein the housing further includes an electronic device including at least one of a radio, DVD player, MP3 input, and navigational unit.

[c20] The multipurpose console of claim 16 wherein the housing further includes a rechargeable battery source and an inverter to provide battery power to the console.

